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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 26, 2004, **THOMAS J. GORDON** of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, for the offense of making threats against the President of the United States, to 24 months' imprisonment, three (3) years' supervised release, and a \$200 fine. **GORDON'S** sentence was ordered to be served consecutive to his State of Illinois prison sentences. Presently, **GORDON** shows a parole release date from the Illinois Department of Corrections of July 26, 2007.

GORDON pled guilty on January 23, 2004, to a one-count Indictment which charged sending a letter containing a threat to take the life or inflict harm upon the President of the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 871.

The investigation revealed that in April 2002, **GORDON**, who was serving a sentence at the Illinois Department of Corrections, Menard Correctional Center, Chester, Illinois, wrote and mailed a letter to the President of the United States, which stated when he (**GORDON**) got out of prison, he was going to kill the President. The letter was addressed to the President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. The investigation resulted in federal agents interviewing **GORDON**, who admitted he sent the threatening letter to the President of the United States and that he still wanted to kill the President.

The prosecution was the result of an investigation conducted by the agents from the United States Secret Service Agency and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Daly.